

TRIBUTE TO THEODORE MANSOUR

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring a great educator, Theodore Mansour, as he retires from his position as Director of State and Federal Relations for the Genesee Intermediate School District.

Ted, as his friends know him, joined the United States Army in 1944 after he graduated from St. Matthew High School that year. He served in the field artillery during his time in the Armed Forces. Resuming his education at the University of Notre Dame after his discharge from the military, Ted earned a degree in Business Administration majoring in Accounting. He put his business skills to work and served as the president of Mansour's Supermarkets for 15 years. He went on to be a partner in Lisa's Red Carpet Travel Agency, president of Mansour's Budget Market and is the current owner of the Jolly Olive Deli and Bar.

Paralleling his years of business experience, Ted also served in the public sector. During the time he was the supervisor of Flint Township, the landscape of that community was changed forever with the building of Genesee Valley Mall, the development of sewer and water systems and the construction of Carman High School. In addition to being a supervisor, Ted held the posts of Genesee County Supervisor and County Commissioner, a Michigan State Legislator for the 83rd District, a Flint Township Trustee, a member of the Michigan State Tax Commission and the Flint Township Planning Commission. Always committed to improving the quality of life in the Flint area, Ted has actively participated in the Genesys Health Systems Board, the Genesee Memorial Hospital Board, the Flint Heights Senior Citizens Housing Board, the Genesee County Food Service Advisory Board, the Boy Scouts of America, Tall Pines Council Executive Board, and the American Arab Heritage Council. In 1972 he was named Director of Government Relations for Genesee Intermediate School District.

As the father of 6 children, Ted knows firsthand the hopes and dreams of parents for their children. This understanding of the vital need for quality education fueled Ted's fight for the right of every student to be able to learn in a safe, clean, modern environment. He worked with the Michigan State Legislature in 1978 to get the school zone speed limit law passed. He vigorously lobbied in Lansing and Washington to obtain funding for the schools in the Genesee Intermediate School District. Time and time again he has fought on behalf of individual school districts for disputed money. Ted is effective at communicating to legislators the needs of educators in their struggle to provide an up to date education to their students. He has earned the respect of educators, administrators, and legislators. I have trusted his advice and welcomed his input for many years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and honor the service of Theodore Mansour to the people and children of Genesee County. His ethics, commitment and effectiveness have set an example that

public servants will try to emulate for years to come.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
JESSICA TURNER**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Jessica Turner has devoted herself to serving others through her membership in the Girl Scouts; and

Whereas, Jessica Turner has shared her time and talent with the community in which she resides; and

Whereas, Jessica Turner has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Jessica Turner must be commended for the hard work and dedication she put forth in earning the Girl Scout Gold Award;

Therefore, I join with the Girl Scouts, the residents of Granville and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Jessica Turner as she receives the Girl Scout Gold Award.

TRIBUTE TO JOANN ORFAN

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joann Orfan, who has been a tireless civil servant in the great city of Sun Prairie for over twenty years. This spring, much to the regret of the Sun Prairie residents, Mrs. Orfan will be retiring from her post as Mayor. The indelible mark that Joann Orfan has left on the city will be long felt after her tenure as Mayor is over.

Joann has described herself as a farm girl from Nebraska who sought to find a city with small town values to settle down in and raise her family. While Sun Prairie is the third largest city in the Second District of Wisconsin, it has been able to retain a friendly, small town appeal. Through her hard work over the last twenty years Sun Prairie continues to be a great place to raise a family.

Joann Orfan has served the city in many capacities. She began serving as Mayor in May of 1990 after being a member of the Sun Prairie City Council for sixteen years. While serving on the City Council, she was a leader on the Planning and Zoning Committee. Joann was a charter member of the Prairie Industrial Corporation, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and has on the Colonial Club Long Range Planning Committee. Each decision she made in these various positions has shaped Sun Prairie into a town that all residents can be proud of.

Since October of 2002, Joann Orfan has been confined to a wheelchair as a result of neuropathy in both her legs. With the same spirit, strength and courage that the people of Sun Prairie have seen so many times she has taken on this new challenge. As Joann Orfan retires as Mayor, the people of Sun Prairie will

miss her leadership, but Joann's friends and family look forward to spending more time with her. Today, I join Joann Orfan's friends, family, and colleagues in sincerely thanking her for her service to Sun Prairie and its residents.

IN RECOGNITION OF CONGRESSIONAL AWARD GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the members of Florida's 22nd Congressional District who have been selected as recipients of The Congressional Award Gold Medal. At this time, there are nearly 13,000 young Americans participating in The Congressional Award program. Of these participants, Congress has presented its highest award attributed to young people, The Congressional Award Gold Medal, to 150 outstanding individuals. I would like to recognize six students living in Florida's 22nd District who have been honored with this award, as well as, two other Congressional Gold Medal recipients from 2001.

Christopher Balogh, from Jupiter, Florida earned the Bronze Medal on July 6, 2001, the Silver Medal on July 16, 2002, and the Gold Medal on March 24, 2003.

Peter Brannen, from Palm Beach, Florida, earned the Bronze Medal on May 7, 2000, the Silver Medal on April 18, 2001, and the Gold Medal on November 19, 2002.

Elizabeth Counts, from Jupiter, Florida, earned the Bronze Medal on April 6, 2000, the Silver Medal on April 18, 2001, and the Gold Medal on March 24, 2003.

Chelsea Ewer, from Palm Beach, Florida, earned the Bronze Medal on May 18, 2001, the Silver Medal on April 11, 2002, and the Gold Medal on March 24, 2003.

Matthew Mills, from Jupiter, Florida, earned the Bronze Medal on July 18, 2000, the Silver Medal on July 5, 2001, and his paperwork is currently in review for the Gold Medal.

Chad Vezin, from Jupiter, Florida, earned the Bronze Medal on April 6, 2000, the Silver Medal on April 17, 2001, and the Bronze Medal on January 29, 2003.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate these students on this honor and wish them the best of luck in their bright futures.

HONORING WILLIAM T. "BILL" ROBINSON III AS HE RECEIVES THE CINCINNATI BAR ASSOCIATION'S THEMIS AWARD

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a friend and constituent, William T. "Bill" Robinson III, who will receive the Cincinnati Bar Association's (CBA) prestigious Themis Award on May 2, 2003.

The Themis Award, given only three times before in the history of the Cincinnati Bar Association, is presented to an individual who